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**2020 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WALLEYE CLASSIC**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**June 13, 2020**  
**Lake Bemidji Waterfront, Bemidji MN**

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The Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic, presented by Acme Tools/Milwaukee Tools/Honda Power Equipment, a competitive, live-release walleye-fishing tournament, will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020! This year's tournament will be held June 13 at the Lake Bemidji waterfront.

**To commemorate the event, 120 two-person teams will be competing for a once-in-a-lifetime top prize of \$20,000.** This is the largest prize in the history of the tournament, as well as the largest field of anglers. Combined with activities for the entire community to enjoy, this one-day tournament is the premier celebration of summer fishing in northern Minnesota.

Tournament Director Joe Czapiewski said, "The Walleye Classic's tournament committee and charitable partners are excited to be celebrating two decades of this quality community event. We hope to make it an extra special day for our anglers, sponsors and the community."

Established as the Kraus Anderson Walleye Classic in 2001, Kraus Anderson turned management of the tournament over to the Knights of Columbus starting with the 2016 tournament. Ten local charities provide volunteer support for the tournament and share the proceeds.

Additional prize packages, raffle opportunities and special community activities will be announced at later dates. All told, the expected tournament prize payout is expected to exceed \$68,000. Registration opens to the general public at 8AM on March 8, 2020. All registration is completed through the tournament website, [kcwalleyeclassic.com](http://kcwalleyeclassic.com).

The size of the field and top prize will return to its regular prizes and number of anglers in 2021. Priority registration of previous-year teams on a first-come, first-served basis will remain in place. This year's tournament teams are asked to keep that in mind when preparing to register next year.

Over a 19-year tournament history, the Kraus Anderson/Knights of Columbus Walleye Classic has distributed a total of **\$820,250** to great community causes.

Follow our Facebook page @KnightsofColumbusWalleyeClassic for updates and announcements about Anniversary activities, Tournament registration information, and more.

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